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The Rooky's First Week in the Army

Percival Lionel Armstrong was the only child of poor, but wealthy parents. (his 18 sisters all being married) and was named after his father, whose name was Archibald—that is—he was named about 30 years after his father, and, in 20 short years, he had risen from the cradle to the responsible position of clerk in the largest, and, in fact, the only, store in Squankumville-on-Frog-Pond, N. J., less than 40 miles from nowhere.

Although Percy had never been lucky enough to hold a winning number at any of the church bazaars, his number was drawn in the first draft, so, after bidding a last farewell to all his dear friends, including his parents, he left Squankumville for one of the National Army cantonments amid the rousing cheers of the whole population of his home town—not one of the 23 inhabitants being absent. Prior to Percy's departure for camp, the "Squankumville Scandalizer," the local newspaper, had made arrangements whereby Percy was to act a special war correspondent and there follows a letter copied from the "Scandalizer" in which Percy gives the home folks a glimpse of the inner working of the greatest army in the world and of which Percy was no small part:

"Squankumville-Scandalizer," dear friends and country citizens: Well, here I am in the army. This is Sunday and I've been in now a week come Tuesday. My train arrived here O. K. and none of us was seasick. At the station the doctors (called "captains" by us army men) met us and examined us for hoof and mouth disease and then we was loaded into army trucks and taken out to the camp. When we got there we was told what kind of work we did in civilized life. I told about selling goods, so they put me into the Infantry, but that has nothing to do with infants which it looks like from the name. I don't know yet what it is exactly but I know a few too already. After they had sorted us out in the branches of service, they gave us



A bit of woodland beauty. A trip through the hills and woods surrounding the hospital reveals many of these beauty spots. Trout are said to inhabit some of the mountain streams and at night we have heard the wild cat scream. This is a wonderful country for rod, gun and camera.

mess-kits which are of something that looks like a tin waffle-iron with a folding handle and is used to keep a knife, fork and spoon in, any they also gave us a small bucket with a handle which collapses every time coffee is poured in it. They gave us a nice meal of strangled eggs and string-beans (on account of the string on them). We ate in what us army fellows calls a mess hall, not because the cooks makes a mess out of everything they cook, for they don't, but because the floor looks a mess after so many mess-kits collapse and spill things around. "Mess-kit" is a good name for our eating tools I guess. After supper the sergeant, which is some kind of important officer, led us around to some cots and when the bugler "tapped," which means blowing on a horn, the lights went out and we crawled in. "hit the hay," which was straw. I wasn't a bit homesick the first night. I was too excited I guess. Next morning, long before daylight, little whistles started blowing and the bugler was revelling so much that I couldn't sleep, so I got

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Evolution of U. S. Army Hospital 18

Early in May this Hospital secured its first convoy of patients. At that time we were simply a summer hotel, converted into a hospital to meet an emergency. One glance sufficed to show that we were a temporary institution. Today a glance proves us a permanent institution.

Our government has spent money here and is pledged to spend a large amount more. Each day our capacity is increased by the erection of weather-proof tent huts; each hut as comfortable and well equipped as a hospital or sanatorium ward.

In addition to these tents, which are springing up in all parts of the hospital enclosure, are many other out-buildings, buildings designed for some special need. An information office at the main entrance, mess halls, kitchens, carpentry shops, Y. M. C. A. hut (temporary), Red Cross hut (temporary), a fire hose house, tailor shop, a "marquis" tent for Q. M. supplies, and sanitary out-buildings. Drains have been laid and the water and electric light systems improved and extended.

In the Main Hospital the sanitary fixtures have been much improved. Recently, wherever practical, concrete floors have replaced wood in the lavatories and toilets.

The third floor has for the most part been turned over to special uses. The surgical ward, the operating theatre, ear, eye, nose and throat clinics, a dental office, a well-equipped X-Ray room and a bacteriological laboratory. We can safely say that every need of a well-equipped military hospital can be met here.

Finally the kitchen must be mentioned. Unquestionably the administration was confronted with a problem in adapting a hotel kitchen, built to provide for a table of perhaps 100 guests, to a hospital mess of approximately 500 patients. This has been done by working the ranges at 100 per cent. capacity and by installing numerous labor-saving devices includ-

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GREASEBALL'S GROANS



HOSE two "Georgia Peaches," Clemons and Allen, are once more beginning to blossom. Greaseball, who is now chambermaid of the tent where these two boys live, has noticed the change of attitude and conversation when they return from duty each evening.

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Private Jackie Bennett says he knows all about pianos. He even goes as far as to say he was born under a piano. That should make you a good peddler, Jackie.

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Privates Meakin, Thorp, Moek and Pitman have a sign outside their tent reading, "The Model Tent." There's no room for argument, boys, they admit it themselves.

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Corporal Gebhart, the "Waynesville Billy Sunday," recently lectured on, "When the War Will Be Over," and "The Fires of Hell."

It was rumored at the rate he was talking, the war would be over before his lecture, also that he should have waited with "The Fires of Hell" spiel until the cold weather, in the event of a possible coal shortage.

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Private Withers is back coaxing water out of the spring. Withers should make a wonderful baseball catcher, on account of the ease with which he handles the pitchers. He doesn't have to worry about shoes, as he always has a Private Shoemaker with him.

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The new piano now at the Y. M. C. A. tent makes all the boys kind of homesick. It reminds them of the old days when they used to do parlor duty. Remember, fellows, how you and her would sit around until father would come in and wind the clock.

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Private Lesesne wants to know if a hen lays a brick, would you call her a bricklayer.

Private Krone says, "No," because a hen won't lay a carpet if fed on tacks.

"Y" WORK

Since the first of the month 4,500 letters have been written to the home folks in the "Y" hut and on "Y" stationery. During this time also seven entertainments have been given the patients under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

A young lady passing the main hospital asked: "What large mountain is that in the rear of the building."

"That's no mountain," replied one of the boys, who happened to hear the remark. "That's Private Leslie Warburg."

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Private Copeland says he hired a saddle horse last Tuesday and Wednesday. Carl says the horse was so frisky Tuesday he was unable to manage him.

We advise that you ride on Wednesday only.

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Private Finn says his outfit posed for the movie camera while "over there."

Now the National Biscuit Co. can get new models for their animal crackers.

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Miss Klinger, you don't run on chicken hits, in a baseball game.

You want to know what chicken hits are, Edna?

Well, they are foul balls.

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The post exchange claim they sell raisin pie. The only thing raisin about them is the price, because raisins are as scarce in those pies, as safety razors are at a colored picnic.

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The detachment boys were unable to get a balky horse started. Sergeant Archer said if nobody could start the animal Private Bell-wood.

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Private Tom MacCormack is slightly indisposed this week. Chase him, girls, he's single. His address is Tent street, U. S. A.

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If ever you get in the guard house, the best way to get out is drink plenty of sulphur water. That surely will help you break out.

* * *

The fellow that remarked, a boil in the pot is worth ten on your jaw, said something, what I mean.

* * *

Tell me, soldiers, tell me please, What adorns the upper lip of Private Keyes?

tractiveness of our little "Y" home and most any time of the day someone may be heard playing, "Blues," ragtime or standard "stuff."

Dad Beckett, in charge, says that since the faithful electric light man put in the "faithful" lights, that more boys drop in in the evening. He's

ON ABOUT SAME SUGAR RATION AS GREAT BRITAIN

The people of America have had but little opportunity to get on a shore-and-share-alike basis with those of the allied nations. If we had as many men under arms proportionately as Great Britain our fighting forces would number about 14,000,000. The nearest to equality we can reach just now is in the matter of food; and limited shipping precludes sending enough of our plenty to the allies to reach a level basis at once.

Near Level on Sugar

But sugar is one article on which we can get somewhere near a fair level. Two pounds per person per month for household purposes will give us the ration that England is seeking to maintain, but which she can not guarantee absolutely to her people. In France the amount sought to be maintained is one and a-half pounds per person per month, though for some time past the quantity actually consumed has been a trifle over one pound per month—13 pounds per year. Italy is trying to maintain the maximum of one pound per month, but has been falling below even this allowance. Even if we are able to maintain the allies at their maximum and still keep our population to two pounds, the balance will be in our favor, because of the more rigid limitations placed on manufacturers abroad who use sugar.

More Than Absolutely Needed

The honor ration of two pounds per month per person is more than absolutely necessary from a dietetic standpoint, excepting for people who are facing great demands upon their energy, such as constantly getting wet or enduring nerve-straining vigils or performing feats of prodigious endurance.

NUMBER 494

They took me from a good job and put me in the army.
They took away my good clothes and gave me "olive drab."
They took away my name and gave me a number—number 494.
They make me go to bed when I am not sleepy and make me get up when I am,
They make me go to church which I never did before.
The other day the preacher said, "We will now turn to number 494,
"Art thou weary, art thou footsore?"
and I said, "Hell, yes!" and
They gave me ten days in the guard house.

THE ROOKY'S FIRST WEEK IN THE ARMY

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up and dressed. It was raining pretty hard and the bugler got his uniform soaking wet which served him right. Before breakfast, the captain lined us up for cataleptics (pronounced exercises), and then he gave us a talk on kindness to dumb animals; how if a man is standing at "attention" and a fly lights on his nose and bites, the man shouldn't swat it. I can't quite get that but I guess it is O. K.

After breakfast the captain (some of the fellahs calls him the Skipper) called us into his office one at a time. When my turn came I walked in care-less-like and said, "Good morning, cap," and sat down by his desk. He looked like he was ready for a business chat and didn't know where to begin so I lit a cigarette and offered him one, but I guess he don't smoke. He didn't say nothing for about a minute except to give a kind of a grunt. I felt kind of sorry for him so I said, "You must feel kind of out of place among so many strangers here, and I for one want you to feel like you can call on me to do things anytime. I am with you in this thing and I think we ought to see it through to the end and there's no reason why we can't get along good together for I'm not a hard man to get along with." That little talk made him feel at home and helped his bashfulness. He asked me how much money I made before I was drafted so I guess he is more of a rate-setter than anything else. He asked me if there was any other branch I would like better than Infantry so I asked him how chances was to get into the commissioned officers, but I guess there was no good offerings there for he wagged his head "no." He said that up in front the average life of a fellah in the Infantry was four minutes. That kind a made me feel hollow in the stomach and I asked him what the average life of an aviator was and he said about 11 minutes, so I told him if he could spare me, I would rather be in the aviation corps.

After dinner we was drilled in "salute" which is done when you think an officer is looking at you and is done by bringing closer right hand up to rim of your hat as if you were going to tip it only you don't. If you don't have time to put your hat on, you scratch the center of your right eyebrow.

So far I've learned "squads round-about," "corporal of the guard," "guide right," "by the right plank," "advance to be prepared" etc. and

when the captain means "march" he says, "hutch," which means the same thing, but he uses the latter for short.

All these drills kind a get me nervous. They won't leave a fellah alone. Always hollering about something. I always thought the captain was a good fellah as he used to laugh every time I did anything. But I don't now, not since today.

It's now Sunday night. Last night the captain called me in to his orderly room and said I was appointed a kitchen-policeman for Sunday and I thanked him for the appointment. I thought that was a pretty high honor, so I didn't feel very bad about losing my Sunday off. I laid awake at night figuring out just how I would go about it to keep order in the mess hall where I was to be in charge. I decided that I wouldn't make an arrest unless it was absolutely necessary for I didn't want to take undo advantage of the privates simply because I had been invested with kitchen-police authority. Well, this morning I got up an hour before time so's I'd be on the job early and make a good showing in my new capacity, but when I went to the kitchen they gave me a dish rag instead of a club like most policemen carry, and I have been scrubbing plates, pans, floors, tables and windows all day long and my hands are all shrivelled up like a wash-board. It is now 10 p. m. and I still have all of the supper dishes to wash before I hit the straw. I haven't had time to do any police work at all on account of having to do all the scrubbin. I am going to have an understanding with the captain in the morning and ask him what he is trying to hang on me anyway. I feel like a sissy washing dishes and I'm homesick and blue tonight. I wish I was home and never had seen the capt. I'll have him know that yours truly didn't join the army to wash dishes. Working like that all day Sunday which is supposed to be a day off, aint right. I don't know where they got the idea that I was a dish washer. If I can't have a man's job in the army, I guess I'll try the navy. Must close now and get the supper dishes finished up. Will write more fully after I have had a heart-to-heart talk with the captain tomorrow afternoon. I am going to sleep tomorrow morning after putting in a day like today.

Percival Lionel Armstrong.

P. S.—There were rumors afloat here this morning that we were going to be sent to ——— (censored) soon, but some thought we most likely would be sent to ——— (censored) or ——— (censored) but thought it

To the Men at the Hospital

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS
FOR UNDERWEAR, SOX,
COLLARS, SHOES THAT
WILL STAND INSPECTION
AND MEN'S WEAR GENER-
ERALLY.

WE WILL NOT "BUG" YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE A SOL-
DIER.

COME IN IF YOU WANT TO
SELECT SOMETHING TO
SEND THE FOLKS AT HOME.

J. M. Mock
Main Street
WAYNESVILLE, N.C.

The sun was an hour and twenty minutes late in rising Thursday morning according to Dorman's new wrist watch.

EVOLUTION OF U. S. A.

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ing a big electric ice cream freezer (five gallons capacity), a dish-washing machine and an automatic potato peeler. Another feature is a dumb waiter (now under construction), which will be used to convey food from the dining hall to the second and third floors.

We're here to stay!

generally believed we will stay right where we are until we leave here at least and that may be ——— (censored) years.

This P. S. is what's called roomers but I don't guess its the kind what

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Every day a dozen things happen which, if "snapped" with a Brownie would make a clever illustration for Bombproof.

Occasionally these clever things are "snapped." Someone gets a picture that would be of general interest, something that is illustrative of a humorous or serious side of army life (or hospital life).

Now we all own Bombproof and we want it to be as good a paper as possible. Illustrations add greatly to a paper.

Therefore, if you have a picture which you enjoy and which your friends enjoy or of which some description could be written, hand it in to the editors or business manager of Bombproof. They can very likely use it.

BEWARE OF THE HOUSE FLY

More Dangerous This Year Than
Ever

As a practical Measure of preparedness the disease-carrying house fly must be eliminated. American military records show that it causes more deaths than the enemy.

Simple Preventives

Any odor pleasing to man is offensive to the fly and vice versa, and will drive them away.

Take five cents worth of oil of lavender, mix it with the same quantity of water, put it in a common glass atomizer and spray it around the rooms where flies are. In the dining room spray it lavishly even on the table linen. The odor is very disagree-

able to flies but refreshing to most people.

Geranium, mignonette, heliotrope and white clover are offensive to flies. They especially dislike the odor of honey-suckle and hop blossoms.

According to a French scientist flies have intense hatred for the color blue. Rooms decorated in blue will help to keep out the flies.

Mix together one tablespoonful of cream, one of ground black pepper and one of brown sugar. This mixture is poisonous to flies. Put in a saucer, darken the room except one window and in that set the saucer.

To clear the house of flies, burn pyrethrum powder. This stupefies the flies, but they must be **SWEPT UP and BURNED.**

Recipes for Stables, Barns and Out-of-Doors

Borax is especially valuable around farms and out of doors. One pound of borax to 12 bushels of manure will be found desirable as a poison without injuring its manurial qualities or farm stock. Scatter the borax over the manure and sprinkle with water.

Lye, chloride of lime or copperas (sulphate of iron) dissolved in water, crude carbolic acid, or any kind of disinfectant may be used in vaults.

SICK AND WOUNDED LANDED

The War Department authorizes the following statement from the office of the surgeon general:

During the week ending August 16, the number of sick and wounded landed in the United States from the American Expeditionary Forces was 333. For the preceding week the number was 63.

These men were sent to the various Army Hospitals where facilities for special reconstruction have been provided.

YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW

Little drops of physic,
Sugar-coated pills,
Make a nurse who's phthisic
Free from all her ills.

Weary hours of waiting
Looking at the sky,
Make you come near hating
Useless, here to lie.

But you're "in the army"
Not to "do your bit"
So plan to take it calmly
Not "holler" when you're hit!

It will not last forever
You soon will work again,
The better, so endeavor
Now to rest your weary brain

NAVY LEAGUE RECREATION

Very often in the evening you have had to pass from 7—9:30 and you have wanted to make the most of it. You have had your choice of the "movie" show, the barber shop pool room or just loafing around the corner or the Court House steps. But you didn't want to choose any of these ways of spending your time and you were dissatisfied and called the town anything but complimentary names. Do you know that you have another choice? And 10 chances to one just the place you are in need of. A place where you can get up close to a piano, or, if you prefer it, a victrola. A place to read or write or play games and all of these in a clean, refined atmosphere. A place that has the home touch, and the companionship of women and girls like the women and girls at home. Boys, the Navy League rooms down town is just such a place. It's located over the barber shop on Main street and is open each week night from 7 to 10:30.

AROUND THE FIRE

When we've finished washing the plates of tin,
When the darkness falls and the gang comes in,
That's the time when the tales and the talk begin,
In the circle about the fire;
The talk of the way the day was spent
Of the things we did and the roads we went,
Of pleasant ventures that brought content
And sated the heart's desire.

The pipes are lighted, the fellows sit
Or sprawl about as the shadows flit,
And there is freedom of thought and wit

Till the light of the embers dims;
And then comes singing—from foolish tunes
Of "pretty maidens" and "kindly moons,"
To old, old songs like your mather croons,
Soft lullabies—or hymns.

The night breeze rustles the leaves above,
And we talk of the things we are fondest of,
The men we like and the girls we love,
Who make life worth the fight.
Till the ash grays over the glowing coals
And the spirit of drowsiness controls,
And each man into his blanket rolls,
With a sleepy word, "Good-night!"

Berton Braley in his new book, "A Banjo at Armistice"

Bureau of War-Risk Insurance

Disabled Men Need Not Fear That Education Given Them in Military Hospitals Will Reduce Compensation

The education which is provided in our military hospitals, or after discharge through the Federal Board for Vocational Education, is meant entirely for the benefit of the men themselves and of the communities in which they are to live by making them more useful and more prosperous citizens. Such education is not intended to relieve the government of any of its obligations for compensation assumed under the war-risk insurance act to men suffering from specific permanent injuries and does not have the effect of reducing such compensations.

Men who have become ill or who have been injured in the service are not discharged until all has been done for them than can be done by medical science. Until discharged, they do not receive either compensation or insurance, but up to the time of discharge they continue to receive their regular pay with such allotments and allowances as may be attached thereto.

Provision is made in the war-risk insurance act for the payment of cer-

tain compensation in case of total disability, the amount of compensation depending upon the family which the disabled man may have and the nature of his injuries, and ranging from \$30 to \$100 a month. If the injury is both permanent and total, payments will also be made monthly on any war-risk insurance policy carried by the disabled man up to the time of his death.

For partial disability compensation is provided, which is to be a percentage of the compensation that would be payable for total disability equal to the degree of reduction of earning capacity resulting from the disability, if there is at least a 10 per cent. reduction in such earning capacity.

If a man's physical condition improves, his compensation may decrease; while if his physical condition becomes worse as a result of the injury received, or disease contracted in service, his compensation may be increased, provision being made for reviewing an award from time to time as occasion may arise. But such change in a man's condition is to be clearly distinguished from change in a man's earning capacity due to his overcoming his physical handicap. It is expressly provided in the war-risk insurance act that ratings of reduction in earning capacity due to specific injuries or combination of injuries of

a permanent nature shall be based as far as practicable upon the average impairment of earning capacity and not upon the impairment of earning capacity in each individual case, so that there shall be no reduction in the rate of compensation for individual success in overcoming the handicap of a permanent injury.

It is therefore clear that an enlisted man suffering from a permanent injury should take advantage of all the opportunities for education which are offered him while in the hospital, or which are offered him after discharge under the Federal vocational rehabilitation act. This latter act provides in brief that where a man after discharge is entitled to compensation under the war-risk insurance act and is unable to carry on a gainful occupation or to resume his former occupation, or enter upon some other occupation, or is unable to continue such an occupation successfully, he shall be furnished by the Federal Board for Vocational Education with vocational rehabilitation if this is feasible. During such period of education a man is to receive the pay which he received before discharge, or the compensation which he has been receiving since discharge, whichever would be the larger amount, and his family is to receive the allotment and allowance according to the provision of the war-risk insurance act.

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Questions, Answers

Authorized by General March

Are the 83d and 37th Divisions in the 4th Army Corps? What are they

The 83d Division is in the 5th Corps and is a replacement division not up on the fighting line. The 37th division is in the 4th Corps, and is on the line in the Baccarat sector.

Other questions related to the activities of infantry regiments in the 83d Division. I have already covered them by my answer to the first question.

Where is the 29th Division located?

The 29th has now landed and is in training in France in the rear of the line.

Can you give the present location of the 51st Infantry Regiment?

That regiment belongs to the 6th Division and is in the training sector. It has not yet reached the front.

How far is the most advanced part of the American line from the Rhine?

Not over 20 miles, at the nearest point, I should say.

Can you tell us how far the organization of the first army has progressed?

Gen. Pershing hasn't reported anything further than that he was organizing a field army and taking personal command of it.

Respects to an M. P.

"Button up that shirt," he demands.

"Go back and shine your shoes,"

"Brush off your clothes," he commands,

"You act like you're full of booze."

Oh, what a joyful world 'twould be
With joy and gladness I would shout,
If I knew there wasn't an M. P.
To order, to herd, to shove me about.

In after years where'er I be,

My only wish is this:

That there shall not be an M. P.

To disturb my earthly bliss.

—The Propeller.

Sweet Young Thing—"I'm awfully glad the waw's ovah in France."

Sgt. Rowell—"What are you talking about? The war isn't even beginning to end."

Sweet Young Thing—"Ai didn't say it was. Ai merely said Ai was glad it was ovah in France."

"YOU WERE SO WHITE, SO SOFT"

By Sergeant John Pierre Roche

I knew your gentle touch

Through all those many years—

Unheeding then, but now

How memory endears

That golden span of time

And makes me wish anew

That, since you could not come

I might have stayed with you.

We said good-by, and yet

I went without a thought

Of what my going meant,

Or how you held me taut;

And yet the the thought of you

Each night repose defeats—

Oh, would I knew again

The luxury of sheets

Unintentional

Stonewall Jackson was not a man to speak ill of another man without reason. At a council of generals early in the war, one of them remarked that Major Smith was wounded and would be unable to perform a certain duty.

"Wounded!" said Jackson. "If that is so it must have been by an accidental discharge of his duty!"—The Southern Bivouac.

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o—o—o

PHONE 13

THE WHITE GUARD



SINCE a certain officer been returned to duty at this post, Miss Evers is keeping the livery stables busy supplying horses and buggies for "sightseeing" purposes.

Get up, the chambermaid she cried.

Get up, you lazy sinner.

We need the sheets for tablecloths
And its almost time for dinner.

Chief been off the field twice this week. What's the matter, chief???

Girls, baseball playing certainly is improving in No Man's Land. We guess we don't make any more ridiculous mistakes than was made Saturday by the Waynesville team. We could challenge, only the UMPIRE thinks we are much too rough for his boys. Can you beat it?

Howard has been having considerable trouble with her eyes, so much so that the eye specialist finds it necessary to visit her every evening.

First Base Evers instead of catching the ball, runs to second; well, the

excitement of making six runs in one inning was enough to make one want to keep on running: next time, don't forget.

"My gym suit is at the canteen, but it's going to stay there until some of the officials get wise."—Ruby Hickman. Chief, please take notice.

Dietician confesses she does not know the Captain referred to last week.

Who is the umpire of the Waynesville baseball team???

Who is the chief advisor of the Bombproof???

Who is the judge of the Summary Court???

Who is the surgeon of the Waynesville U. S. A. General Hospital, No. 18???

Well—— That is the MAN——
Get it now???

Nelson has been very quiet this week.

Miss Alseph cast gloom over many of the occupants of No Man's Land by remarking: "What will we do when the leaves begin to fall?" Miss

Wright, however, came forward with the happy thought that it would get dark earlier anyway.

Morris, on night duty, takes a good one off the field. Hope she can get to play as often as possible.

Capt.—"Jimmy, you didn't touch second base!"

Jimmy—"How can I? Forbes has her feet on it."

EXTRA!!!—Marjorie E. Wright five minutes early to gym Monday night.

Miss Winnie Raney made her debut at exercises Monday night and as she stood in the back row she got by fairly well.

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Sunday, September 1st

8 A. M.—The Holy Communion.

9:45—Sunday school and Adult Bible Class. Subject, "A Psalm of Redemption."

11 A. M.—Morning prayer, litany and sermon; topic, "Our Talents."

8 P. M.—Musical service, organ recital and vocal solos.

Everybody cordially invited.

Methodist Church

W. B. WEST, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:45, Prof. E. J. Robe on, superintendent.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Rest in Christ."

Worship at 8:30 p. m. Sergeant E. C. Hunter will have charge of the service. You will miss a splendid spiritual opportunity if you fail to hear him. Special music at both preaching services.

Epworth League at 7:45 p. m.

Prayer service Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

Baptist Church

A. V. JOYNER, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. C. A. Haynes, superintendent.

Organized adult classes to which visitors and soldiers are especially invited.

Sermon 11 a. m.

B. Y. P. U., 7:45 p. m.

Sermon, 8:30 p. m.

Services at Allen's Creek Baptist church Saturday, 11 a. m., and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Very Rev. Dr. F. Felix, V. G., will conduct divine services each Sunday hereafter in the Detachment mess hall at 9 a. m. sharp. All Catholic soldiers, patients and nurses should attend. Second service at the Gordon Hotel pavilion at 10:30 a. m.

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Kindness

Private Simpkins had returned from the front to find that his girl had been walking out with another young man, and naturally asked her to explain her frequent promenades in the town with the gentleman.

"Well, dear," she replied, "it was only kindness on his part. He just took me down every day to the library to see if you were killed."—London Opinion.

Losing Count

Tommy—"Half of 'em we got with machine-gun fire, half of 'em with the rifle, then we fixed bayonets and killed another half of 'em!"

Funny Man—"And what happened to the rest?"

Tommy—"O, we took 'em prisoners!"—London Opinion.

Our little home is all broken up. One of our little playmates high-graded our faithful watch and now our little graphophone has gone to the bad.

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WARD JOTTINGS



HE Huns, according to German newspapers, are retreating "to weaken the allies." At the rate they are falling back it surely must

weaken a man to attempt to keep up with them unless he is a Marathon runner. But the allies all seem to be Marathon runners so far. Germany ought to have gotten them on a treadmill so she could have been sure of having enough territory to retreat over in order to bring about the desired result. The way things look now she will need more ground over which to retreat than the depth of Germany. Where does she go from there, boys, where does she go from there???

—o-o—

For the benefit of those in doubt, Miss G'meiner (pronounced Jamina) is no relation whatever to "Aunt Jamina" of pan-cake fame.

—o-o—

We sincerely hope that none of the patients will suggest that large holes be cut in the new awnings in order to permit more light to reach the porch. We hope the suggestion will

not be made chiefly because we have no ward at present for the treatment of "circular insanity," or, in other words, "wheels in the head."

—o-o—

Private James Rowe narrowly escaped having his left ear-drum burst and part of his brain washed away recently, but the accident was averted by the presence of mind of Private Inglis, who came to his rescue. Inglis was walking down the corridor in Ward III and noticed Rowe stop in front of the chemical fire-extinguishers, then stoop, place the extinguisher hose in his ear and start turning the extinguisher upside down. Inglis darted forward and questioned Rowe, who explained that he thought the extinguisher was a musical instrument and in a way of explanation pointed to the instruction plate thereon, which read: "To play, turn bottom-side up." Rowe has since been transferred from Ward III to the tents, but not on that account. Ready, aim, fire!!!

—o-o—

A hospital mystery: Why is it that the bed patients, who are so anxious to have their clothes returned to them,

get so thirsty just before being weighed each week? There are plenty of bricks in the fireplaces and bricks are heavier than water and more conveniently carried.

—o-o—

And speaking about those fire extinguishers, did you ever notice how seldom it is that a man in the army gets fired?

—o-o—

As long as the schools are eliminating German, why wouldn't it be a good idea to cut the maps of Germany from the geographies NOW and send them to the boys at the front. It won't be long until the allies can use the map of Germany to good advantage in finding their way around.

—o-o—

You all know Dan and the way he talks. Yesterday Dan approached the carpenter and demanded "thum thumb tacks." We wonder "did him done dit thum?"

—o-o—

And now Red Hartley has went and gone and done it. Done what? Oh, nothing much, only chewed up a clinical thermometer.

—o-o—

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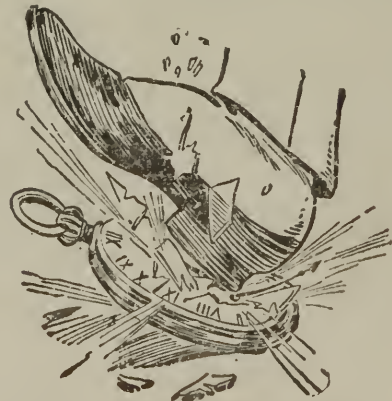
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—††—

Private Otto McDaniel says that the Red Cross did so much for him before coming to this hospital that he wants to make an allotment each month of \$5.00 from his pay. The blanks for the allotment have been applied for and Private McDaniel will have the satisfaction of knowing that he is doing something for an institution that is always trying to relieve the necessities of our fighting men and their families. This spirit of Private McDaniel is to be highly commended.

—††—

Private B. H. Lesesne has offered to contribute \$25.00 to the Red Cross

to aid in the furnishing of the Red Cross house when it is erected. This is a commendable spirit. The Red Cross, however, is not asking contributions from the men, but under certain conditions is willing to accept them.

—††—

Director Allen wishes to set right an idea that seems to be in the minds of some. The Red Cross has aided quite a few men in the way of loaning small amounts of money to those who go on furlough, or who have not been paid for their services in several months. Mr. Allen is willing to aid such cases. Some of the men some times offer to pay interest for these loans. It should be known to everybody that the Red Cross makes no charge for any service it renders and charges no interest for any money that it loans, and will accept none. It should also be known that the supply of money for such purposes is limited, and on'y such cases as the ones mentioned, are assisted.

Presents for the Hospital

The U. S. Army General Hospital was the recipient of 19 suits of pajamas, 5 pillow cases, 2 socks and 7 bandages, the gift of Junaluska Chapter Auxiliary of the Waynesville Chapter of the Navy League, recently.

Cribbings

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There is a man in Bozeman, Mont., who will probably go through life bewailing the injustice of the draft board that certified him for service, despite the fact that he presented a letter written by his wife to prove that he had a dependent family. Here is the letter:

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